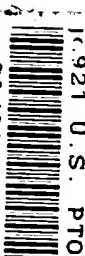


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FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

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For: **CONFIGURABLE CONNECTORIZED INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTEM**

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 17-page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- ☒ 9 sheets of informal drawings;
- ☒ a Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (unsigned);
- ☐ a Non-Publication Request;
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and

- ☐ an Assignment of the invention to and an assignment cover sheet;
- ☒ Applicant Claims Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b));
- ☐ An associate power of attorney;
- ☐ A certified copy of country patent application number (priority document) is enclosed.

TYPE OF FILING

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
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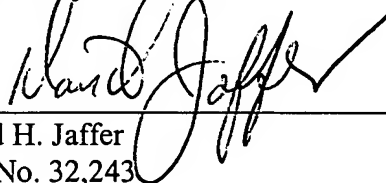
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